

The Santiago Station has been instructed by the Forty Committee to conduct covert political action operations designed to exacerbate relations among the Popular Unity components and to split the governing coalition; and to bolster and encourage political opposition to the Popular Unity Front.

In preparing its covert action program the Station is considering using a variety of disparate political elements and mechanism. The common denominator of these elements is that they each offer a degree of opposition to the UP or in some cases simply to Communist (PCCh) domination of an Allende government. Some political action elements have been selected for their immediate and short-run utility, while others represent more permanent and longer-range vehicles for political action.

Part I: Support to Opposition Political Parties

A. Christian Democratic Party (PDC): The Station is currently examining effective means for establishing secure covert relations and funding assistance for the PDC.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Assistance to the PDC is intended to bolster their media and propaganda activities. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Agency funding could

Talking paper prepared for discussion of political action in Chile. Meeting attended 14 Dec by DCM, Pol. Counselor, COS, DCOS and [REDACTED]

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also be used to support basic party organization efforts. This would permit the PDC to expand their permanent party functionaries and cadres. These funds would also insure the PDC with resources for travel and other organizational activities. [REDACTED]

B. National Party (PN): The Station plans to maintain [REDACTED] contact with [REDACTED] of the National Party for political action purposes. Of specific interest are the critical votes which the PN controls in the Congress. There is already ample evidence that the Allende government intends to woo the PN Congressional members thus denying the PDC the role of calling the legislative shots. It is also intended that the PN, because of its more conservative and right-wing posture, is in a position to play an important propaganda role in opposition to the Allende regime. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Concerning the April municipal elections, some campaign financial support would be provided to the PN on a selective basis and in those areas where justified.

C. Democratic Radical Party (PDR): The Station intends to provide funding for [REDACTED] Since the PDR is a political entity with no viable base or future, we foresee no organizational support for the PDR. In specific cases, however, some [REDACTED] support might be made available for [REDACTED] PDR candidates in the municipal elections.

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Studies and cost estimates are currently being made with regard to the publication of [REDACTED]. The Station also will assist in the purchase of new [REDACTED] which would be used by this complex in a variety of overt activities including [REDACTED] and possibly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Part II: Operations Intended to Divide and Weaken the Popular Unity Government

A. PCCh-Socialist Party Frictions: The Station will continue its on-going effort to exacerbate and further the already existing frictions, suspicions and mutual antipathy between the PCCh and PS. This program will be conducted by a variety of covert means and assets, including propaganda pieces and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. PCCh-MIR Conflict: The Station will also exploit further the frictions between the extremist MIR elements and the PCCh. While the Allende government is presently attempting to defuse the deep-seated

animosities between the PCCh and MIR groups, confrontations between them will continue to be a potentially embarrassing and divisive factor for the regime.

C. Popular Socialists (USP): [REDACTED]

D. Radical Party (PR): The Station would like to strengthen the Radical Party as the most moderate segment of the UP. A stronger Radical Party could serve as a brake on the PCCh within the governing coalition. [REDACTED]

E. Democratic Socialist Party (PSD): [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It also offers some potential for counter-PCCh action. The Station would like to strengthen this small party also.